GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for rural development scheme through Gram Panchayats during 1999-2000, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) the details of the States which have not so far utilised the funds released by the Union Government;

(c) the mechanism provided for ensuring the utilization of funds for various schemes in time;

(d) whether the Audit Reports of several Zila Parishads in West Bengal have not yet been completed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in part (a) to (e) of the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 230 due for reply on 8.8.2000.

(a) to (c): The Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) isa scheme administered by the Ministry of Rural Development in which the entire funds are released to the Gram Panchayats (through the respective DRDAs/Zila Parishads). The State-wise allocation and utilization of funds under the JGSY during 1999-2000 is enclosed at Annexure - I.

Central Assistance under the JGSY is released every year to the DRDAs/Zila Parishads in two InstalmentsThe 1st Instalment is released without any pre-condition, if the DRDA/Zila Parishad concerned had claimed/received the 2nd Instalment in the previous year. The 2nd Instalment is released soon after the proposal is received from the State Government, after utilization of 60% of the available funds by the concerned DRDA/Zila Parishad, subject to the prescribed conditions such as submission of Utilization Certificate, Audit Report, Release of State Share, and submission of Non-embezzlement Certificate.To ensure proper utilization of funds, the DRDAs/Zila Parishads are required to send the proposal before the month of December every year, otherwise, progressive deductions for the proposals received in the months of January and February are made at the rate of 15% and 30% respectively, on the total Central Allocation for the year.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The State Governments generally get the Audit Reports completed by September/ October before forwarding proposals for the release of 2nd Instalment of Central Share of funds under the JGSY.